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In re Application of James McFaddin et al. Application No. 10,077,282

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: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS

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: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the request for reconsideration filed January 22, 2003.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor James E. McFaddin has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application. Specifically, the declaration of James J. DeCarlo, Attorney of Record, indicates that the application papers for the above identified patent application were mailed to Mr. McFaddin at the office of his attorney, Arthur I. Navarro, Esq. and that while the application papers were delivered to Mr. Navarro, neither Mr. McFaddin nor Mr. Navarro have responded or provided Mr. DeCarlo with an executed copy of the oath/declaration.

The declaration has been properly executed by joint inventors Michael D. Bigby and Justin P. Madison.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). In view thereof, this application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Thus, as provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination to be processed in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned Petitions

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